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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are the Government getting any assistance or loans from the Government of India in this respect? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Yes, we are getting loans from the Central Government."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" In view of the fact that pre-fabricated houses are not suited to the climatic conditions of this province, have the Government in view any other scheme for building houses having regard to the scarcity of houses in this province? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" I am putting forth all my energy in trying to get hold of people who would build cheaper houses. Even last night, I was discussing the question with some people."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Has the Hon. Minister himself seen a pre-fabricated house? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" There is no pre-fabricated house anywhere in India."

Disposal of cases under the House Rent Control Act in Ellore.

* 119 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the facts that the parties to suits have been subjected to a lot of inconvenience, annoyance and trouble and much unnecessary expenses in connexion with the disposal of cases under the House Rent Control Orders or Act before the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ellore;

(*b*) how many cases under the House Rent Control Act were filed before the House Rent Control Officer at Ellore for the last two years and the dates and the places where they are enquired into; and

(*c*) how many adjournments has each case undergone; and with what result?

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Numbers of cases filed under the Act are 4 in 1946, 94 in 1947 and 46 in 1948 (up to 30th June 1948). The Government consider that the time and labour involved in furnishing the other details in respect of these cases will not be commensurate with the public interest served thereby."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of transferring this work to the District Munsifs who can dispose of these cases much better? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" We shall consider that question."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that the parties are put to considerable trouble and inconvenience on

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account of the absence of the Deputy Collectors at headquarters when they post cases for disposal and hearing on any particular date?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" As I said before, the details are so great that it was not considered worthwhile taking the trouble of preparing them."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are not the Government aware, without going into the numbers, etc., that very frequently these cases are posted for hearing dozens of miles away from the places where the defendants and the plaintiffs reside?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" I have answered the question as 'no' in reply to part (a) of the question."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Government instruct the Rent Controllers to post the cases as much as possible at the headquarters where the houses of the petitioners and respondents are and not miles away?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" We have already given that instruction."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—THE MADRAS ESTATES (REPEAL AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL No. 37 OF 1947)—*cont.*

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I suppose the general discussion on the Bill is over and we are now at the second reading stage. Mr. Suryanarayana Rao may now move his amendment to clause 2."

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" The first amendment of Dr. John refers to the omission of certain words throughout the Bill. If that is disposed of first, a number of amendments on the same subject may go without any further discussion. There is no point in taking up this amendment after finishing the clauses."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I thought it related to the first clause. Yes, Dr. John may move his amendment."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. President, Sir, we had a fairly full general discussion of the principles underlying the Bill and I do not want to repeat the arguments advanced in the general discussion. The House will remember the criticisms levelled against the inclusion of inams in this Bill. Inams are included in this Bill on the basis or on the alleged ground that inamdars are merely collectors of revenue. I pointed out in the general discussion that even zamindars are not collectors of revenue and they were proprietors of the soil. Whatever might be the history before Regulation II of 1802, when the Statute of this province declared that they were proprietors, they became proprietors in